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(57) Abstract: Aromatic compounds for treating various diseases and pathologies are disclosed. The methods use of such compounds are also provided. Accordingly, the present invention makes available methods and compositions for inhibiting aberrant growth states resulting from *hedgehog* gain-of-function, *ptc* loss-of-function or *smoothened* gain-of-function.

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